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PROGRAM IN ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

REF: A) STATE 187995 B) EMAIL McCAFFREY-TONEV 11/17/2006

¶1. (U) Per reftel, we would like to nominate Mrs. Anka Chervenкова and Mrs. Svetla Iordanova, of the Bulgarian Patent Office, for the USPTO Advanced Patent Law and Procedure Program scheduled for February 12-16, 2007. From April 2006 until now Chervenкова has headed the Disputes Department at the Bulgarian Patent Office, which is responsible for settling disputes that may arise during new patent registration. Her department considers requests for invalidation of patents, trademarks and industrial design registrations.

¶2. (U) Svetla Iordanova is currently a state examiner in the International Activities, Cooperation and Development Directorate, Bulgarian Patent Office. Iordanova is responsible for working with the European Patent Office (EPO) and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in the field of patent protection of industrial property. She was part of the working group that prepared the amendments in the Law on Patents and Utility Models. She has also participated in the meetings of the Committee on Patent Law at EPO and the work of the Standing Committee on Patents at WIPO.

¶3. (U) The Bulgarian government has recently made strong progress towards improving its IPR regime. Insufficient government resources remain a major obstacle to strengthening IPR protection. We greatly appreciate USPTO's efforts to provide training and capacity. The Bulgarian candidate(s), however, are unlikely to travel without funding assistance. Post respectfully requests USPTO funding for travel costs and lodging (Ref B).

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